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## RIBBON-CUTTING TO CELEBRATE REFURBISHED BANDSHELL IN CITY PARK

READING – Mayor Thomas M. McMahon will celebrate the recent \$1.1 million refurbishment project at the Volunteer Fireman's Memorial Bandshell in City Park at a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony this Friday, July 16, at 6:45 p.m.

"We are very pleased with the upgrades to the Bandshell and the surrounding area," Mayor McMahon said. "We have improved lighting, increased available seating areas, created new walkways, spruced up the landscaping and made significant technical upgrades to the electrical and sound systems. The Bandshell will continue to be a significant cultural asset to the region for years to come."

Following the rededication ceremony, the Berks Arts Council will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the summer concert series with a free show by Grammy award nominee John Primer at 7:00 p.m. This year's summer concert series received major support from Ashley for the Arts, an initiative of Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc. Various food vendors will also be on hand.

"I encourage everyone who loves music to come and experience this great concert in City Park," Mayor McMahon said. "This is a free, family-friendly event that has become a beloved tradition in the Greater Reading region."

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